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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1227

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SU, CG
SUBJECT: NIMEIRI EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE

REF (NOTAL): A. KHARTOUM 1207, B. KHARTOUM 1156, C. KHARTOUM 1134

1. SUDAN GOV STEPPING UP ITS PUBLIC SUPPORT OF ZAIRE AND
PRESIDENT MOBUTU. LOCAL DAILY AL-AYAM APRIL 11 PUBLISHED
EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IN WHICH HE
CONDEMNED LARGE-SCALE QUOTE FOREIGN UNQUOTE INVASION OF
ZAIRE. HE SAID SUDAN, WHICH HAS JOINT BORDERS WITH
FATERNAL ZAIRE, WAS FULLY PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT WITH
EVERYTHING PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO ABORT
THE INVASION AND CRUSH THE INVADERS. NIMEIRI SAID ANY
THREAT TO ZAIRE WAS VIOLATION UN AND OAU SANCTIONS
AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES.
HE ALSO MENTIONED VISIT OF LAWRENCE WOL (REF C), HIS
SPECIAL ENVOY, WHO CARRIED MESSAGE TO MOBUTU WHICH
EXPLAINED SUDAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD INVASION. NIMEIRI ALSO
INDICATED WOL MESSAGE DISCUSSED AMOUNT OF AID SUDAN COULD
PROVIDE.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE NIMEIRI PROBABLY NOT ABLE PROVIDE MUCH
IN WAY OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, HIS STATEMENT TO AL-AYAM,
FOLLOWING DESPATCH OF WOL TO KINSHASA AND STATEMENT LAST
WEEK BY ACTING FONMIN DENG (REF B), INDICATES THAT HE CONCERNED
WITH IMPLICATIONS KATANGA INVASION, AND THAT HE WILL
PROVIDE STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU. NIMEIRI PARTICU-

LARLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT IN
INVASION, AND THIS ADDS TO HIS CONCERN OF COMMUNIST
ACTIVITY IN AFRICA GENERALLY. SUDAN ENJOYS PARTICULARLY
CLOSE RELATIONS BOTH WITH MOROCCO AND EGYPT AND ITS PUBLIC
SUPPORT OF MOBUTU FOLLOWS SIMILAR ACTIONS TAKEN BY RABAT
AND CAIRO. BREWER

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